

**80E.1 Drug policy coordinator.**

1. A drug policy coordinator shall be appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by the senate, and shall serve at the pleasure of the governor. The governor shall fill a vacancy in the office in the same manner as the original appointment was made. The coordinator shall be selected primarily for administrative ability. The coordinator shall not be selected on the basis of political affiliation and shall not engage in political activity while holding the office. The salary of the coordinator shall be fixed by the governor.

2. The coordinator shall:

a. Direct the governor's office of drug control policy, and coordinate and monitor all statewide drug enforcement efforts, coordinate and monitor all state and federal substance use disorder treatment grants and programs, coordinate and monitor all statewide substance abuse prevention and education programs in communities and schools, and engage in such other related activities as required by law. The coordinator shall work in coordinating the efforts of the department of corrections, the department of education, the Iowa department of public health, the department of public safety, and the department of human services. The coordinator shall assist in the development and implementation of local and community strategies to fight substance abuse, including local law enforcement, education, and treatment activities.

b. Submit an annual report to the governor and general assembly by November 1 of each year concerning the activities and programs of the coordinator and other departments related to drug enforcement, substance use disorder treatment programs, and substance abuse prevention and education programs. The report shall include an assessment of needs with respect to programs related to substance use disorder treatment and drug enforcement.

c. Submit an advisory budget recommendation to the governor and general assembly concerning enforcement programs, treatment programs, and education programs related to drugs within the various departments. The coordinator shall work with these departments in developing the departmental budget requests to be submitted to the legislative services agency and the general assembly.

3. The governor's office of drug control policy shall be an independent office, located at the same location as the department of public safety. Administrative support services may be provided to the governor's office of drug control policy by the department of public safety.

89 Acts, ch 225, §1; 2000 Acts, ch 1126, §1, 2; 2003 Acts, ch 35, §45, 49; 2012 Acts, ch 1131, §33; 2022 Acts, ch 1029, §1

Referred to in §124.101

Confirmation, see §2.32

Subsection 2, paragraphs a and b amended